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1. AFTER FURTHER ANALYSIS SUBJECT STUDY CERTAIN
INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN TABLE 1 ON APPARENT
CONSUMPTION OF PGA EQUIPMENT AND TABLES 2-5 ON IMPORTS
OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF PGA EQUIPMENT MAKE PREPARATION
OF DATA FOR PUBLICATION IMPOSSIBLE.

2. DUE TO LACK INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS COMMERCE
UNABLE TO RECONCILE THESE INCONSISTENCIES. POST THEREFORE
REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FROM CONTRACTOR IF POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH PAYMENT TO
BMO CONSULTANTS ALREADY AUTHORIZED.

3.A. COMMERCE ASSUMED NEGLIGIBLE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF
PGA EQUIPMENT IN SUBJECT COUNTRIES. APPARENT CONSUMPTION
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SHOULD THEREFORE EQUAL IMPORTS LESS EXPORTS (INCLUDING

RE-EXPORTS) WHICH IS NOT THE CASE. PLEASE DEFINE APPARENT CONSUMPTION OR GIVE ESTIMATE OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AS APPROPRIATE.

B. CATEGORIES IN TABLE 1, "PHOTOTYPESETTING EQUIPMENT" PLUS "OTHER TYPESETTING EQUIPMENT" SHOULD EQUAL FIGURES GIVEN IN TABLE 2 FOR "TYPEMAKING AND SETTING MACHINERY". (ASSUMING NO DOMESTIC PRODUCTION). FOLLOWING CHART ILLUSTRATES THAT TABLE 1 DATE PLUS OR MINUS THE FIGURE INDICATED EQUALS DATA OF TABLE 2. NO CONSISTENT TREND EXISTS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO LOGICAL EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES.

	1970	1971	1972
LEBANON	PLUS 91.7	PLUS 38.5	PLUS 40
SAUDI ARABIA	MINUS 13.4	PLUS 131.1	PLUS 120.7
IRAN	MINUS 13.8	MINUS 32.2	PLUS 196.4

SIMILAR DISCREPANCIES EXIST IN CATEGORIES OF "OTHER PRINTING EQUIPMENT" (DESIGNATED IN TABLE 1 AS "PRINTING PRESSES" AND "OTHER CUTTING GATHERING AND BINDING EQUIPMENT") AND "GRAPHIC ART EQUIPMENT" (DESIGNATED IN TABLE 1 AS "GRAPHIC ARTS CAMERAS", "LIGHTING SYSTEMS", "PROCESSORS AND OTHER," AND "PLATEMAKING EQUIPMENT". PLEASE CLARIFY AS DIFFERENCES CANNOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY EXPORTS NOR BY DIFFERENT SYSTEM OF ADDING TOGETHER THESE SUBCATEGORIES.

C. TABLE 2 GIVES BOTTOM LINE FIGURE LABELED "INCLUDING ACCESSORIES" WHICH IS SMALLER THAN FIGURE FOR "TOTAL" SO CANNOT BE TOTAL PLUS ACCESSORIES. ALTHOUGH SEEMINGLY HIGH, IT APPEARS THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS PORTION OF TOTAL WHICH IS PARTS AND ACCESSORIES. PLEASE CONFIRM.

4. POST'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DATA FOR RECEIPT COMMERCE NOVEMBER 7 APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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